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1. Acting on instructions from the SMK, which stated that freight cars were required for maneuvers, the RBD's Halle and Dresden marshalling yards have assembled 1,200 cars for the transport of vehicles. These freight cars have been coupled together into complete trains of 45 each.
2. These cars, all of which had to be in good running order, are inspected weekly. They may not be used for any purpose other than maneuvers.
3. Originally they were distributed as follows:

RBD Halle

Falkenberg Station - 400 cars  
Finsterwalde Station - 250 "

RBD Dresden

Bautzen Station - 250 cars  
Görlitz Station - 300 "

1,200 cars

4. They are, however, frequently and unexpectedly shunted, empty, to other stations on orders from the Soviet Military Staff Officer attached to the RBD concerned.
5. The SMK has recently ordered the marshalling throughout the DDR of a large, undetermined number of boxcars as a "reserve for the occupying power." Preference was expressed for "transit" cars.
6. All such box cars have to be in good running order, and are inspected at regular intervals by the nearest railroad repair shop. Damaged cars are immediately replaced.

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7. Such cars may not be used for the transport of normal cargo, including reparations material.
8. These trains are in the vicinity of every Russian unit. Their assembly places are changed constantly and correspond to troop movements. They are usually empty, however, and only infrequently used for the transport of troops.
9. To date a total of 1,450 box cars have been assembled, as follows:

REO Halle	-	210	freight cars
" Magdeburg	-	220	" "
" Cottbus	-	180	" "
" Erfurt	-	210	" "
" Berlin	-	90	" "
" Schwerin	-	180	" "
" Greifswald	-	160	" "
" Dresden	-	200	" "

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